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**VIA ELECTRONIC COMMENT FILING SYSTEM (ECFS)**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: WC Docket No. 11-42: Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization; WC Docket No. 03-109: Lifeline and Link Up; CC Docket No. 96-45: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; WC Docket No. 12-23: Advancing Broadband Availability Through Digital Literacy Training**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 28, I met with Garnet Hanly of the Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss NATOA's proposed filing in the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking released in the above-referenced proceedings. I explained that NATOA is in favor of using USF funds to support community-based digital learning programs to increase broadband awareness and adoption. However, I emphasized that NATOA believes funding should be made available to a wide variety of local facilities and entities, such as boys and girls clubs, low-income housing facilities, community centers, and so on in order to reach the most people in need of such services. In addition, I stated that funding should be made available through a competitive grant program to ensure that the funds are used in the most effective and efficient means possible. I also discussed that this approach would allow these types of grants to be leveraged with stimulus-funded projects

In addition, we discussed the proposed broadband adoption pilot program and how communities could partner with ETCs to develop proposals that could provide the Commission with concrete data it needs to determine what adoption methods work best.

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Pursuant to Commission rules, please include a copy of this notice in the record for the proceeding noted above.

Sincerely,  
*/s/ Steve Traylor*  
Executive Director  
NATOA

cc: Garnet Hanly